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**Mission:** The organization is dedicated to conservation of fish habitat and promoting Fly fishing and good sportsmanship.

**Meetings:** Granite Bay Flycasters general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Granite Bay clubhouse located in the Granite Bay Group picnic Area at Folsom Lake. For directions call Denny Welch at (530) 889-8562.

The doors open between 6:30 and 7 p.m. for socializing and fly tying demonstrations. The business portion of the meeting begins at 7:30 followed by a quick refreshment break after which the main program begins, which usually consists of a slide-show talk and/or demonstration. A dynamic raffle follows the show.

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17	18	19 Fly Tying Jam And rod building	20	21 Board Mtg. 7-9:30 P.M.	22 Youth Fly Tying 6:30-8:30 P.M.	23 Fishout F/M Gary Flanagan Lake amador
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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## President's Message

*By Denny Welch*

It's Monday morning now and the Upper Sac trip is over. I'm tired and sore and broke, but all the agonies I'm suffering now are well worth it. We had 48 GBF members go on this trip. When you consider that the Upper Sac is about the size of a one-lane road in most spots you may think that 48 anglers are a couple too many. Actually, it wasn't crowded at all. We had some people fishing the McCloud, some on Hat Creek, some floated the Lower Sac, some fished up river, some fished down river and some fished in town. We depleted the inventories of both fly shops in Dunsmuir and most of us probably spent a lot of money on things we'll never use again. Thanks OK though because we have the swap meet coming up soon (more to follow on that). A couple dozen of us got together for Mexican food on Friday night and 30 of us gathered for Italian on Saturday.

The memories of this trip are many: I did my traditional rendition of a bellyflop, Dick Henry did a new version of a buttflop and Trevor Lawton simply walked in water that covered his waders. Dave Baker taught us by example how to appease the Fish Gods. When releasing a fish he also released his rod... and reel...and flyline and all the other junk we put on it and watched it float away and slowly sink into the dark abyss. He never did get it back. It's a bad idea to name Tom Ross as the designated driver. Frank Massey learned why it's not a good idea to drag your anchor as a means to slow your pontoon boat. He also learned how to cut a rope real fast. He will also learn that there is no secondary market for wet cell phones and that new ones are pretty expensive. I learned that the bumper of my truck is stronger than the 4x4 posts holding up the roof of the motel. I also learned how much it costs to replace a 4x4 post which holds up the roof of a motel. I lost my fishing vest. Several of the wives made cookies and I nominated myself as the

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official cookie taster/tester. I was wavering between Karen Flanagan and Joanne Mahlberg when a surprise last minute entry came along. This years cookie taster/tester award goes to.....Diane Powell (of Powell Rod Co. lineage). Now, Diane, about that 4 wt..... Ask Jack Ramos when his favorite restaurant, the Cat's Head, is located.

I could go on and on with the memories made on this trip, but there's only so much space. The point I'm trying to make is that this is what our club is all about. We get together and have a blast. Sometimes we even fish.

Check out the GBF web site for some pictures on the Little Truckee electroshock project. I understand it was a huge success. Thanks to John Carroz and Joe Bania for organizing it and all the other volunteers for their participation.

We've got a couple more fishouts scheduled for November. Check with Frank Stolten re the Eagle Lake trip and with Gary Flanagan re the Amador Lake trip. Both of these lakes have monster fish in them.

Lastly, mark your calendars for the annual swap meet / chili cookoff which is set to go on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We always have a ton of stuff sold for prices that make the flyshops cringe. HINT: It's a good idea to get there early and to stay late. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for the chili makers in the club. Past winners have been the English's "Roadkill Surprise", Flanagan's "Baby Antelope" and Carroz' "Hormel from Safeway". I'm working on a secret concoction that I'm sure will win this year's award. Why don't you do the same?

**Editor Jack Ramos (916) 774-9972**

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***Copy due to Editor no later than the 25th of the month***

## Rod Building 101

Mark your calendars... the next rod-building workshop starts in October! This is a great opportunity to learn everything you need to know to build your own 'custom' fly rods!

The workshop consists of three rod-building sessions to be held at the clubhouse between 6:45pm-8:45pm on October 15, November 19, and January 21 (same nights as the club's 'Third Tuesday Night Fly Tying Jams'.) The sessions are open to all club members, and are free (materials & components to build a rod start around \$100).

Mike Brune and Paul Meyers will provide instruction. Please sign up for this workshop at the October general meeting so we know how many peo-

### FLY FISHING QUIZ

- You are taking a novice caster stream fishing. What is one of the most important casts or techniques you would want to teach this new caster?
  - Oval cast
  - Palm retrieve
  - Horizontal cast
  - Mending
- To recast a sinking line
  - Make roll casts to get line to the water surface
  - Exaggerate the loading move to break the water tension
  - Make an oval cast
  - Accelerate your backcast to get the line to the water surface
- In which case(s) would you direct your forward cast higher than your backcast?
  - Slack line cast
  - Long distance cast
  - In a backing wind
  - All of the above
- If you hear a pop or snap when you begin your forward cast you should
  - Speed up your casting stroke
  - Wait longer for your line to unroll
  - Change you casting angle
  - Widen your loop

Answers: 1(d); 2(a); 3(d); 4(b)

*(by FFF Certified Master Casting Instructor Liz Watson of the Northwest Women Fly Fishers. courtesy of the*

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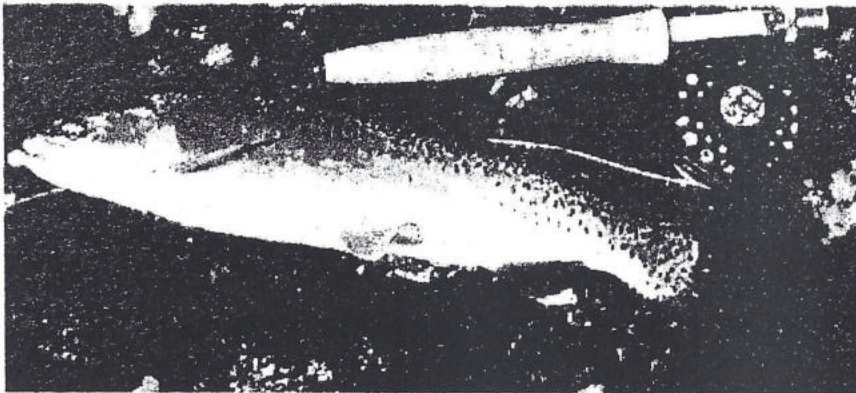
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## American River Cleanup

Thanks to Mike and Irene Brune, Dick Gaspari, Al Meredith, and Mike and Cindy Prentice for their work on September 21<sup>st</sup> cleaning up trash in the Sunrise entrance area to support the American River Cleanup. Also thanks to the GBF members who worked at other locations on the River. Well done!

### Thank You, GBF!

By Sharon N. Shiba, California Department of Fish and Game

The Heritage and Wild Trout Program staff gratefully acknowledge the efforts of **GBF members David Baker, Joe Bania, John Carroz, Corey Cherrstrom, Gary Flanagan, Richard Gaspari, Grant Hunter, James Hunter, Jack Ramos, and Tom Ross**, in providing badly-needed assistance with our fish population surveys on the Little Truckee River in mid-October. The purpose of the survey was to monitor the status of the trout fishery in the Little Truckee River, between Boca and Stampede reservoirs, three years after the adoption of Catch-and-Release regulations for that reach.

During the three-day survey, the aforementioned individuals braved the cold weather to help us capture, count, and measure the fishes at three index sections of the river. Although none had ever participated in an electrofishing survey before, with a little quick instruction, they performed as though they had been doing this all their lives! In my opinion, not only did they do a great job, but they were also a delight to work with.

Our special thanks also go to **Joe and Barbara Bania** for serving as liaison between DFG and GBFF, and to **John Carroz**, Conservation Chair, for recruiting volunteers. Furthermore, we thank **Gary Flanagan** for sharing with us the superb digital images he captured during the survey (and of Walter the brown trout and his friends!).

P. S. - If anyone would like to participate in future surveys, please contact us about our itinerary for the next field season, which will begin in June of 2003.

## YOUTH FLYTYING CLASSES

Sponsored by Granite Bay Flycasters

Dates; 11/22; 12/6 2002

Time; 6:30 to 8:30

Place: Granite Bay Activity Center at Folsom Lake St. Park

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Just a couple of spaces available for Henderson Springs  
1/31-2/2 (2003) by Joe Bania

The arrangement with Henderson Springs is a group fee for this 3-day winter fishing experience at this cozy retreat less than 4 hours from home. Below is a picture of a fish caught at one of the four lakes on the property. If all available rooms are filled, the lower the cost per person. If you haven't signed up but wish to go, please contact Joe or Barbara Bania at (530) 677-4263.



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As flyfishermen, we concluded that the Sculpin is probably a major food source for the trout. The Sculpin averaged from ¼ inch 4 inches in length and are dark, dark brown in color. A Muddler pattern should work fine as a Sculpin imitation.

It wasn't until the third day we started netting larger trout. In one run we netted over fifteen trout, mostly Browns ranging from sixteen inches to a twenty-five-inch German Brown weighing over six pounds! (This was officially recorded measurement, not a fly fisher's guesstimate)

Once the fish were weighed and measured they were revived and returned to the river. I have the boulder marked where we released "Walter," the six-pound Brown, for a later meeting with my fly rod and me.

I was disappointed not to find trout in the 10-inch to 13-inch range but learned that the bag and possession limit in the Little Truckee, between Boca and Stampede Reservoirs, is two fish up to 14 inches in length, which may account for the gap in size between the small and the large fish.

All in all, we had a great time helping CDF&G with their fish survey and I highly recommend it to everyone. Everyone was pleasant and F&G was most appreciative for the help. If you are interested in helping with future surveys, please check with Joe and Barbara Bania or John Carroz, GBF Conservation Chair to sign up for the Wild Trout Program's surveys for next season.



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The operator held a long wand, which was swept side to side through the water. This wand is called the anode and is the positive end of the shocking unit. It looks like a metal detector wand. Each unit had pet names like "Cart man," "Shadowcaster," "Zoltar's Torch," or "No-Name", (it was new), painted on the frames. This way the biologists can identify the quirks and idiosyncrasies of each electro-shocking unit.

All of us were required to wear neoprene waders and long rubber gloves to keep from being shocked. None of us questioned the wisdom of this request with several hundred volts and up to two-tenths of an amp of power coursing through the river in which we were standing. Being insulated seemed very logical and although curious, I decided not to put my bare finger in the water to see what would happen.

Armed with long handled dip nets, our job was to scoop the stunned fish from the water and secure them in "live-cars" which were dragged behind us (outside of the electrical field) by two of the crewmembers. A "live-car" looks suspiciously like a large gray, plastic garbage can with lots of holes drilled in the sides. As soon as the triggers on the electro-shockers were activated, fish started darting from the bottom of the river.

Starting at the downstream-end block net, we captured the fish with our dip nets and deposited them in the live cars. We then moved forward a few feet with the biologists and the process was repeated. We would be finished with a sweep when we came to the upstream containment net.

Shoulder to shoulder, spanning the river, we worked our way upstream netting fish, until we came to the upstream barrier net. This was sometimes exciting because the larger fish sometimes hid between the netting and the river rock. Once finished, we dropped back to the downstream net and repeated the process two more times. We collected Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Dace, Tahoe Suckers and Paiute Sculpin. The Sculpin is the most prevalent species in the river. In the first section alone we collected over 1,400 Sculpin!

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## SALMON FESTIVAL WRAPPED UP

The Salmon Festival this year was different than past years. In previous years, everything relating to the kids was in one spot by the hatchery. This year they moved everyone but us to the lake side of Hazel Ave. This resulted in far less kids not getting to our side of Hazel and it made the morning shift very slow. This worked out pretty good on Saturday as the Sacramento club only supplied one tier. The afternoons of both days, especially Sunday, were quite a bit busier. Last year we had 689 kids but due to the changes made, this year we dropped to 550. Sunday afternoon we had a total of 12 tiers and still had a waiting line. Sunday we also had 5 tiers from the Sacramento club helping out.

Many thanks to the great GBF people for their help. Those helping out were:

Ron & Jeanne English, Hank Ortmann, Tom Berg, Mike Brune, Dick Gaspar,

Linda Shaw, Ed Fritz, Karl & Jessica Wolff, Alex & Victor Giannini, Paul Meyers, Art Hawkins. Those that did a double shift were: Mark & Scott Peterson, John Carroz, Jim & Mac Hunter and Paul Trader.

Very special thanks to Bob & Audrey for the great job they do keeping the kids in line and the even bigger job of arguing with parents as to who is next. Bob who is 90 years old and Audrey who is only 82 were at the festival both days.

Many thanks - Pete Peterson

## NOVEMBER SPEAKER BILL SUNDERLAND

Bill has been a journalist and writer for 50 years and a fly fisher for even longer. His three books on fly fishing are California Blue Ribbon Trout Streams, Fly Fishing the Sierra Nevada and Fly Fishing California Stillwaters. He has wrote on fly fishing for various magazines, including California Fly Fisher. He had the luck to fly fish places around the world, including Russia, Costa Rica, Argentina, Peru, Midway Island, and Mexico

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## Flytier's Corner

BY

BILL CARNAZZO

March, 2002

### *The Billywog*

Trout fishing is a passion (and a job) for me. Bass and panfish fishing is also high on the list—which is why I live where I do, with two bass ponds. This has given me the opportunity to create some new patterns—some (but not all) of which have been successful. The Billywog is one of my successful creations.

Bass love frogs. Polywogs—immature frogs—are plentiful and easy prey. So it's a no-brainer: you need a polywog pattern in your bass fly box. This fly is so simple it will make you laugh. Well then, all the better—because I favor simplicity. Fish it with short strips; if that doesn't work, try variations in striping speed and length. Visualize the soft filoplume moving suggestively as you strip, with a predatory bass eying the passing morsel. Hang on! Here he comes!

P.S.—the Billywog may also suggest a swimming damsel nymph.

#### **MATERIALS:**

Hook           Tiemco 200R or similar shaped hook, sizes 8-12  
 Thread Black 6/0 or 8/0  
 Tail            Small bunch of muskrat fur, with guard hairs  
 Abdomen       Dubbed muskrat  
 Rib            Fine gold wire  
 Thorax Peacock herl (wrapped)  
 Hackle Filoplume or immature pheasant feather  
 Eyes           (Optional) 30# Mono heated to form eye shape  
 Weight(Optional) Lead or substitute, at thorax area  
 Head           Small thread head

## Lake Amador Fishout

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Bundle up your overcoat, pump up your float tubes and tightly hold onto you fly rod. Come rain or shine, we're heading to Lake Amador on Saturday, November 23rd to catch those lunker trout that Lake Amador is famous for. Located a few miles south of the town of Ione, this lake is privately owned and has a history of stocking trout in the five-pound class; however, fish averaging 2 to 3 pounds is the rule. (Still, not bad!)

The lake is about an hour drive from Roseville and we will be arriving at the Lake Amador Restaurant located on the lake at 7am for a hearty breakfast before hitting the water.

If two people ride down together the cost will be about \$21- per person. Tell them you are with GBF and they will let you launch for free, which will reduce the fee by two bucks.

Bring a float tube, a 5 or 6wt rod with floating line and size 12, 10 and 8 wooly buggers in green, brown, black and other assorted colors. I have even seen fish caught on small white flies. A sign up sheet will be available at the November meeting. Please let me know if you are going for breakfast as the resort has requested a count so we they will have enough help on hand to serve us. Maps, directions, boat rental information, restaurant menus and fishing reports are available on the Lake Amador Website at [www.lakeamador.com](http://www.lakeamador.com) Any other questions can be directed to Gary Flanagan, GBF Fishmaster, (916) 223-4240 or [gkasd@quiknet.com](mailto:gkasd@quiknet.com)

## EAGLE LAKE FISH-OUT

NOVEMBER 14TH,15TH, AND 16TH

FRANK STOLTEN

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